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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.) GW, WB,

SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S VISIT: SOVIET COMMENT RE ROLE OF FOREIGN
MINISTER GENSCHER

IN REPORTING SCHEDULE AS NOTED USBERLIN 907, PRESS
INDICATED THAT SECRETARY WOULD BE ACCOMPANIED BY
FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER (SENAT INFORMED LIAISON
OFFICER THAT GENSCHER WOULD BRING WITH HIM WIFE, CHIEF
OF PROTOCOL AND WIFE, AND CHEF DE CABINET AND WIFE).
IN CONVERSATION MAY 14 ON OTHER BUSINESS, SOVIET
EMBASSY COUNSELLOR KHOTULEV REFERRED TO PRESS ARTICLE AND
ASKED WHY GENSCHER WAS "ESCORTING" SECRETARY. POLAD
SAID THERE WAS NO REASON GENSCHER SHOULD NOT COME
TO BERLIN WITH HIS COLLEAGUE, BUT THAT THERE WAS A
DIFFERENCE BETWEEN "ACCOMPANY" AND "ESCORT." WE
WERE NOT SURE ABOUT GENSCHER'S PLANS BUT SAW NO REASON
WHY HE SHOULD NOT BE IN BERLIN WITH SECRETARY, IF HE
SO DESIRED. KHOTULEV MERELY ADDED, WE DO NOT THINK
TOO SERIOUSLY, THAT HIS AMBASSADOR WOULD BE PLEASED
TO WELCOME SECRETARY TO BERLIN BUT, OF COURSE, IF
GENSCHER WERE THERE, THIS WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE. SELIGMANN

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